

NORTH CAROLINA ARTS IN ACTION

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



“*This is what we will
be remembered for.*”

VERA TAYEH, long-time NC AIA supporter

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Teaching life skills to children through dance and music.

North Carolina Arts in Action (NC AIA) uses dance, music and performance to instill self-esteem, perseverance and excellence in children.

Behind every class is the belief that the performing arts can engage and motivate children to realize their full potential regardless of their background, ability or socio-economic status. In 2019, NC AIA directly served **1,300** fourth graders in **13** underserved elementary schools in Wake, Durham, Orange and Chatham Counties. Last fall we brought our innovative program to **Lakewood Elementary** in Durham to expand our reach to 13 schools, offering the NC AIA program during the school day.

“Dancing the American Revolution” was this year’s theme. Students explored some of the most iconic events that helped shape and define the ideals of our nation. The culminating performance highlighted some of these events through original choreography, music, and art. The theme tied into the fourth grade social studies essential standards. Our program was written and choreographed by Kathy Berberian in collaboration with the NC AIA artistic staff, with musical direction by Doug Largent.

NC Arts in Action is an associate program of the National Dance Institute of New York City.

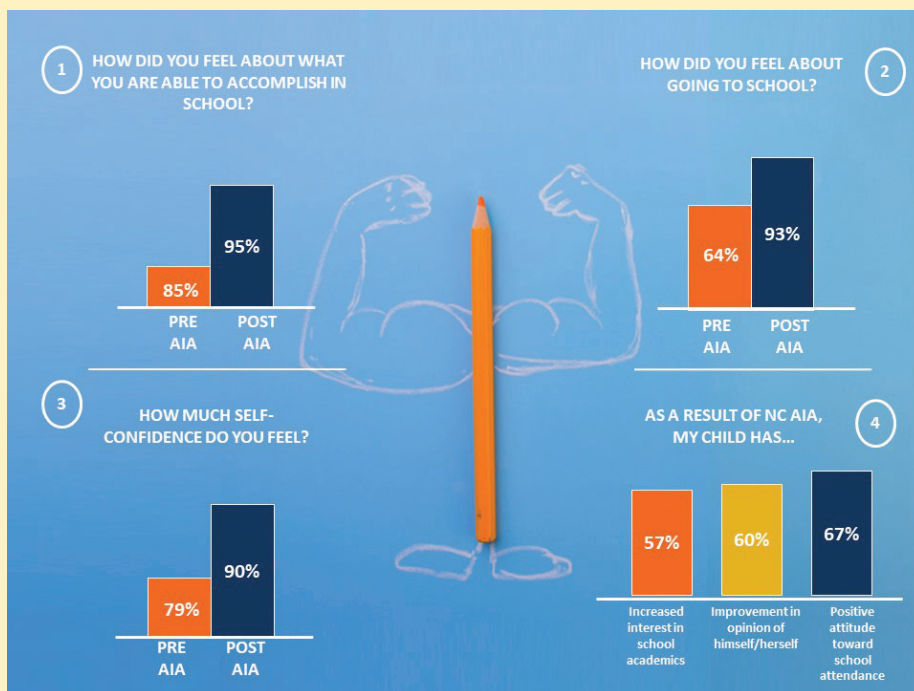


HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR

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MIDDLE AND BOTTOM
MARYBETH CARPENTER



EVALUATION

Previous assessments of the in-school program by the Link Group found these results detailed below.

After participation in NC AIA:

95 percent of students feel better about what they can accomplish at school after completing the program (Figure 1)

93 percent of students feel better about going to school on NC AIA days (Figure 2)

90 percent report an increase in confidence (Figure 3)

67 percent of parents report that their child has a positive attitude toward school attendance (Figure 4)

60 percent of parents report that their child has an improvement in the opinion of him/herself (Figure 4)

57 percent of parents report that their child has an increased interest in school academics (Figure 4)

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- 1 **Mel & Zora Rashkis Elementary School**
Chapel Hill
- 2 **Wakelon Elementary School**
Zebulon
- 3 **Knightdale Elementary School**
Knightdale
- 4 **Millbrook Magnet Elementary School**
Raleigh
- 5 **J.W. York Elementary School**
Raleigh
- 6 **Baileywick Elementary**
Raleigh
- 7 **Rolesville Elementary**
Raleigh
- 8 **Lake Myra Elementary School**
Wendell
- 9 **Holt Elementary Language Academy**
Durham
- 10 **Pittsboro Elementary School**
Pittsboro
- 11 **Rogers Lane Elementary School**
Raleigh
- 12 **Green Elementary School**
Raleigh
- 13 **Lakewood Elementary School**
Durham



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NC AIA'S AMBASSADORS LEAP DANCERS

The NC Arts in Action LEAP Team had a very productive 2018-19 season. Over 40 dancers were recruited and 30 participated throughout the year.

We partnered with our friends at the **Carolina Ballet** for rehearsal space in Studio B on Saturdays. They invited some of our dancers to audition for the Nutcracker Ballet production. Six dancers were selected to dance with the Carolina Ballet's Nutcracker at shows throughout the Triangle at DPAC, Memorial Auditorium and UNC in Chapel Hill.

We polished our repertoire and skills working as a professional dance team participating at the **Kidzu Museum World Wide Day of Play** in Chapel Hill. We partnered with renowned local artist Beth Palmer and her **Joy of Creativity** exhibit at the Hotel Indigo in Durham. In January we were invited to be in the **Ernie Barnes Celebration of Movement** performance at the NC Museum of History. Our piece, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and "This Little Light of Mine" included the prominent and beautiful elongated dance movements also depicted in the works of Ernie Barnes' paintings. The LEAP Team was a hit at this event, leading the other participants and audience in the "up-up, down-down" dance finale and curtain call.

Our North Carolina Arts Council supported the residency with **Duane Cyrus**, world-class dancer and Professor of Dance at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Professor Cyrus provided dance instruction and taught our dancers about American history, civil rights and human rights through movement. LEAP Team dancers also discovered the fun social dances of the '60s and explored a diverse repertoire, which spanned the decades from the '60s to the present. It all culminated in a final showcase in April at the Carolina Ballet. In May, a successful **Cabaret of the Arts** fundraiser was held in Raleigh with our dancers performing.



Our collaborations with **Triangle Youth Ballet**, the **Nasher Museum of Art** and **Durham Arts Council** enabled us to extend our reach into the community with performances that had our audiences wanting to learn more about our program.

Summer Camp: Our three-week summer camp was held in partnership with the Finley YMCA's camp High Hopes, and we were invited back for 2019.

This upcoming 2019-20 season, we plan to continue to advance our cause, teaching life skills to students through dance and music.



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Durham 150 - Our LEAP Team in June danced in Durham's 150th anniversary celebration at the Durham Arts Council. We invited the Durham Ballet Theater and The Triangle Youth Ballet to be special guests during our performance.

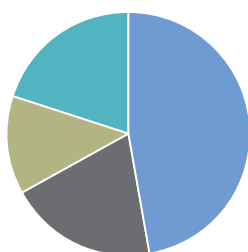
BY THE NUMBERS: NC AIA'S FISCAL YEAR 2019

Foundation grants	\$234,020
Individual support	\$ 97,970
Corporate support	\$ 64,270
Earned Income	\$ 98,828

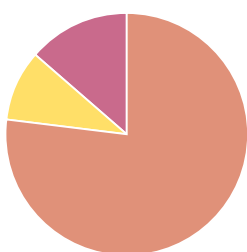
Total Revenue **\$495,088**

Program Expense	\$377,468
Marketing & Fundraising	\$46,958
Administration	\$ 65,498

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REVENUE



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EXPENSE



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BY THE NUMBERS: FUN FACTS

9,000

Children directly served since NC AIA started

1,300

Fourth grade students participating in FY 19

800

Dance classes taught

50

In-School and Community Performances

34

Saturday LEAP sessions

13

School partners offering NC AIA programs

14

Years since NC AIA was formed

4

Counties where NCAIA is active

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Thanks for being a club member this year (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019). From the Paint the Sky Club to our Circle of Friends, we appreciate each of you!

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Berthiaume, Robert
Capel, Christopher and Sarah
Callis, David
Carmon, Tia
Chou, Shu Chuan and Jaim-Jou Lai
Christison, Kent and Mary
Crane, Sandra Deutsch
Dewan, Disha and Sravan Narayan



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Dewan, Neil
Drutz, Dr. David J. and Lydia H.
Fain, Sandra
Fox, Sheldon and Debbie
Grew, Robert and Linda
Hill, Emily
Huelsbeck, Martha and Chris Bovolack
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When I look in the faces of children I work with, I see a silent cry for help most of the time. I hear their untold stories. I see them holding their invisible suitcases that carry their pain and struggles and aspirations to be in a better place. They may hold their fears inside and act tough because they are scared and think they don't deserve good things. Sometimes, they have low self-image, they lack trust in adults but yearning to be accepted and to belong. They need help getting their strengths out and be successful, so they can feel emotionally well and do better in school, get along with others and have a better chance in life.

I believe in investing in our children who are our future. Children look up at us to make their lives better. They, in time, will make a difference for others. NC Arts in Action is providing that for them, by helping them work as a team, dare to try something new and build trust and confidence, to feel worthy, and create positive energy in them to do better in the classroom and at home.

As I always say, if it is not you then WHO, if it is not now then WHEN. We can expand this valuable program to many children who are waiting. Thank you for making a difference. This is what we will be remembered for."



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and Frame Design, Inc.**

Franklin, Victoria

Gandhi, Dilip and Pamela

Gaugert, Dan and Terry Harper

Gillen, Shawn and Julie

**Gumber, Subhash C. and Kawaljit
Pasricha**

Harris, Polly

Harrison, Kathy

Herst, Susan and Larry

Hile, Michelle

Holmes, Margaret

Hutchinson, Fred and Nancy

Jolly, Cynthia

Kang, Emil and Lisa

Kinahan, Brian

King, Sara

LaRiche, Timothy

Lindbergh, Sarah King

Martin, James and Linda

Mabe, Walker

McLeod, Neill

Mendell, Stef and Richard Johnson

Morgan Holmes, Margaret

Morros, Joy

Munoz, Jeanne

NC Museum of History

O'Brien, Mimi

Oxendine, Nicole

Patton, Josephine Ward

Purrington, Ward and Charlotte

Quigg, Timothy

Reid, David and Lisa

Rich, Margaret W.

Riedlinger, Bob and Jennifer

Robertston, Diane

Sanchez, Antonio and Amy

Schanberg, Laura

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Weiss, Robert and Melissa Podcasy

Welsh, Leah and Douglas Kass

Yarborough, L.J.

Younger, Carolyn

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LEAP dancers were also part
of Ernie Barnes Celebration of
Movement at the NC Museum
of History in January.



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